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ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD OF THE SAME

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Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report for the corresponding European application EP01117862.

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